ple of Adoor are put to great inconvenience and trouble owing to the absence of proper roads in several of the villages in that constituency?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes; the matter is engaging attention.

Fresh taxation.

145. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Is the Government aware that it has been stated in this House that no fresh taxation of any kind would be imposed on the public of Cochin without the same being discussed in this House?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Government are not aware of having given any definite assurance of the kind.

Details of amounts budgetted but not spent.

146. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state (in tabular form if convenient):—

(a) the amounts budgetted for expenditure under various major heads but which were not spent or utilised in the respective years, for the years 1100, 1101, 1102 and 1103 (11 months only);

(b) the reasons, if any, for not utilising the amounts budgetted?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(a) A statement containing the information in respect of 1100, 1101 and 1102 is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*) As for 1103, the figures for 11 months cannot be had, as the accounts from Medam to Mithunam are not ready.

(b) The collection of the information asked for requires much time and labour as it involves a scrutiny of each detailed head of account and has to be gathered from each Head of Department which is not easily possible.

The appointment of the present Acting Chief Engineer.

147. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

A. (1) why a superannuated officer from elsewhere was appointed to act for the Chief Engineer recently went on leave;

(2) what pension does the acting incumbent draw from his former appointment;

(3) is there any rule in our State that when a pensioner accepts any appointment, his pay (of the new appointment) with his pension should not exceed his salary at the time of retirement; if so, is the rule observed in these appointments?

B. (a) Are there no competent Engineers in the State

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